IN THE SPECIFICATION

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Fig. 2A illustrates a distributed collaborative computing system 200, in accordance to some embodiments of the invention. Client computers 210n (where n = A, B, C . . .) are connected to server computers 220n via global-area computer network 130. Unlike in the prior art system of Figs. 1A and 1B, each client computer 210n can connect to any server computer 220n. Server computers 220n are in turn connected through a high-speed link 230. High speed link 230 allows faster throughput and a higher level of security than global-area network 130. High speed link 230 may utilize a secure protocol 232, and may employ encryption and compression techniques. For example, in some embodiments high-speed link 130 is a dedicated T1 or T3 or optical carrier-class link, such as one employing the well-known SONET standard and OC-48 or OC-192 framing. One of ordinary skill in the art will readily recognize that many other equivalent high-speed network standards, including non-optical standards, may be employed to create a high bandwidth link.